

Souris Harbour, Rollo Bay, Monticello, Cable Head, St. Peter's Bay, Savage Harbour, Tracadie Harbour, Brackley, and, at dusk, Rustico Island causeway. In total we covered 374 kilometres and habitats ranging from the dense coastal conifers at East Point to the saltmarshes of Tracadie Bay.

All in all, it was a wondrous day. We had seen some firsts. We had relieved the cooped up feelings of too many hours in buildings. and we, with the assistance and support of our sponsors as well as those of other birders, raised \$ 1,018 towards the activities of the Island Nature Trust.

In closing, on behalf of both the our team members and the Trust, thanks to the following sponsors for your generous support: Mark Arsenault, Bob Bancroft, Benedict, Bill Bowerbank, Brian Brown, Carl Brydon, Rob Burnett, Barbara Clements, Beverly Cody, Ray Cooke, Isabel Court, Verna Cudmore, Rosemary Curley, Barb Currie, Florence Deacon, Martina Doyle, Tom Duffy, Helen Earle, Wayne Francis, Nev Garrity, Clause Gauthier, Jerry Gavin, Beth Grant, Diane Griffin, James Halliday, Jeff Hannam, Sharon & Vernon Harris, Fred Horne, Herbert Isherwood, Heather Keast, Donnie Kelly, Charles Keuper, Barry King, Mr. & Mrs. Kingsbury, Errol & Margaret Laughlin, Ann Ling, Steven Loggie, Pauline & Don MacDonald, Shannon MacDonald, Wilbur MacDonald, Wade MacKInnon, Allie MacLennan, Louise MacLeod, John MacMillan, Kate & Ian MacQuarrie, Virginia MacSwain, Greg Matthews, Ken Mayhew, Dan McAskill, Evelyn McAskill, Barb McDonald, Brenda McDonald, Edna McDonald, Helen McDonald, Helena McDonald, Patsy McDonald, Mechanics Inc.. Russ Melanson, Randy Milton, Colleen Murray, Elinor Neuffer, Roberta Palmer, Pennock, Terry Power, Paul Schurman, Chris Severance, Ardeth Smith, Bruce Smith, Allen & Linda Thomas, Leith Thompson, Ruth VanIderstine, Venton, Jackie Waddell, Ralph Whitehead, and Carl & Mary Willms. Thanks also to the Friends of Macphail who took this opportunity to raise funds for both groups.

BOTH WORK AND PLAY:

by Gerald MacDonald

On June 25th, while attending the Annual General Meeting of the Environmental Network at Cappelle, Saskatchewan, Sue Stephenson, two other conference participants, and I were treated to a spectacular birding experience in rural Saskatchewan.

I should state that, prior to the conference organizers asked us if there was anything they could do to make our stay in Saskatchewan a memorable one. I called the organizers and requested a trip to see Borrowing Owls.

Organizers arranged for two naturalists to escort us to some pasture lands in rural Saskatchewan where we not only saw the spectacular Burrowing Owls standing beside their gopher-hole nesting site but also birds such as Sprague's Pipit, LeConte's Sparrow, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, and the Orchard Oriole. Yes, we were treated to roughly 2 1/2 hours of personal birding attention by persons skilled in the field.

After reading about the plight of the Burrowing Owl in the rural lands of the Prairies by way of Nature Canada magazine, I never dreamed I would actually see the bird. But, thanks to this article which